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REMARKS

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

The above amendments are made to place the claims in a more traditional format.

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4. (Amended) A system according to [any one of claims 1 to 3] claim 1 wherein the selector is configured to select a preferred data service according to a pre-determined selection strategy.

5. (Amended) A system according to claim [4 when dependent on either claim 2 or claim 3] claim 2, wherein the selector is configured to select a preferred data service according to a pre-determined selection strategy; and

wherein the selector is configured to select the data service having the lowest data access tariff value.

6. (Amended) A system according to [any one of claims 2 to 5] claim 2 further comprising an event data recorder for recording event data relating to data service access events.

8. (Amended) A system according to [any preceding claim] claim 1 further comprising a connection manager for connecting users issuing data access requests to respective selected data services.

11. (Amended) A system according to [any preceding claim] claim 1 further comprising an interface to the register for user access to data in the register.

13. (Amended) A distributed database comprising a data management system according to [any preceding claim] claim 1.

17. (Amended) A method according to [any one of claims 14 to 16] claim 14 wherein the data service is selected according to a pre-determined selection strategy.

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18. (Amended) A method according to claim [17 when dependent on either claim 15 or claim 16] claim 15 wherein the data service is selected according to a pre-determined selection strategy; and

wherein the strategy comprises the step of selecting the data service having the lowest data access tariff value.

19. (Amended) A method according to [any one of claims 15 to 18] claim 15 further comprising the step of recording event data relating to data service access events.

21. (Amended) A method according to [any one of claims 14 to 20] claim 14 further comprising the step of connecting a user issuing a data access request to a respective selected data service.

22. (Amended) A method according to [any one of claims 14 to 21] claim 14 further comprising the step of monitoring the usage of the respective data services.

23. (Amended) A method according to [any one of claims 14 to 22] claim 14 further comprising the step of limiting the number of users connected to each respective data service.

24. (Amended) A method according to [any one of claims 14 to 23] claim 14 further comprising the step of providing user access to the stored first second and third data.

26. (Amended) A method according to [any one of claims 14 to 25] claim 14 wherein the resource data comprises data from the group comprising:- data service response time, data accuracy, data correctness and time since last data update.

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27. (Amended) A method according to [any one of claims 14 to 26] claim 14
wherein the method is implemented in an object orientated software environment.